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SUMMARY: PRIMIN MAY 25 FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH CONTAINS THREE
ECONOMIC POINTS: (1) ECONOMIC AID, (2) COMMERCIAL RELATIONS,
(3) IMPLICATIONS AUSTRALIAN NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FOREIGN
RELATIONS AND POLICY.

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SPEECH REAFFIRMS GOA COMMITMENT TO AID LDC' S, WITH EMPHASIS ON ASIA, PACIFIC AND AFRICA. INDONESIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA SINGLED OUT. RE- STATES 1980 TARGET OF 0.7 PERCENT GNP, AND REFERS TO POSSIBILITY OF LIBERALIZED GOA TARIFF PREFERENCE SCHEME FOR LDC' S.

LENGTHY NATURAL RESOURCES PASSAGES STRESSES INCREASED POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC LEVERAGE AUSTRALIAN MINERAL RESOURCES IN RELATION WORLD DEFICIENCIES. POINTS TO NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES POLICY FULLY COORDINATED WITH AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS.

SECTIONS ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS EMPHASIZE NON- DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT FULL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS ALL NATIONS. SUGGESTS PAST EMPHASIS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN NEGLECTED EQUAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. PAST EMPHASIS IMPORTANCE ANZUS TENDED OVERSHADOW VARIETY AND STRENGTH US- AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS IN TRADE, FINANCE, INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AVIATION AND CULTURE WHICH LIKE DEFENSE RELATION BROUGHT AUSTRALIA SUBSTANTIAL REWARDS AND BENEFITS. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC AID. SPEECH EMPHASIZES BROAD AID COMMITMENT. POINTS OUT GOA WILL GIVE MORE ECONOMIC AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM IN COMING YEAR THAN BY FORMER GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR. EMPHASIZES PNG HAS FIRST CALL ON FOREIGN AID PROGRAM THROUGH " SPECIFIC AND GUARANTEED ECONOMIC PROGRAM, " BUT GOA WILL PLACE NO INHIBITIONS ON PNG SEEKING AID AND INVESTMENT ANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. RESOURCES. STATES BENIGN NEGLECT BY PREVIOUS GOVT PERMITTED RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FALL INTO FOREIGN HANDS PRODUCING INTOLERABLE SITUATION. EMPHASIZES AUSTRALIAN PROMINENCE AS MINERAL PRODUCER AND GROWING SIGNIFICANCE THIS ASSET IN RESOURCE- HUNGRY WORLD, GIVING AUSTRALIA GROWING POLITICAL VOICE IN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS. AS CONSEQUENCE IMPLICATIONS OF RESOURCES MUST BE FULLY CONSIDERED IN ALL GOVERNMENT ACTION AND FOREIGN RELATIONS. CITES AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO CONTINENTAL SHELF AND ADVOCACY IN LOS CONTEXT OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER RESOURCES ZONE BEYOND TERRITORIAL SEAS. GOA CONTEMPLATED COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED RESOURCES POLICY COVERING AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INTERESTS.

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4. COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. REFERS DECISIONS DROP STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS, USSR MINISTER PATOLICHEV VISIT, CURRENT GOA TRADE MISSION IN PRC, PROSPECTIVE NORTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION VISIT TO AUSTRALIA, AND GOA INVITATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER, SOUTH KOREA, FOR POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: (1) TONE RESPECTING RESOURCES COMPATIBLE
PREVIOUS LINE OF MINISTER MINERALS AND ENERGY CONNOR, BUT APPEARS
PLACE LESS EMPHASIS FOREIGN CONTROL PER SE AND ON SAVING RESOURCES
FOR AUSTRALIAN CONSUMPTION AND MORE EMPHASIS ON USE TO SUPPORT
POSITIVE AUSTRALIAN POLICY IN WORLD SITUATION. (2) ON US
COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, WHITLAM TONE BRIEFLY CONCILIATORY. IN
SINGLE PARA SPEECH TACITLY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY AFFIRMS BOTH
DEFENSE AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH US BENEFICIAL TO AUSTRALIA.
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